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Make their Work a Joy

IN this issue of the *Star* we pay tribute to one of the great leaders of this dispensation, President David O. McKay.

We think it not unlikely that he stood among the intelligences which were in the pre-existent world, of which the Lord spoke when He said to Abraham: "These I will make my rulers," for "He saw that they were good."

Whether foreordained or having had leadership thrust upon him, a long lifetime of devoted service to the Gospel cause marks him as one of God's noblemen.

Few realise or appreciate the great demands made upon the energies of our leaders as they minister in the affairs of men. The more responsible their calling, the longer their working day. President McKay, according to his associates, is the first to arrive at the church offices in the morning and the last to leave at night. One of the Twelve, on leaving his office late one evening, noticed the President's light still burning when he stepped in to say goodnight. He knew something of the burdens of leadership and, reflecting upon the President's vigour notwithstanding his advanced years, said to him, "How do you do it?" "Read Section 84 verse 33 of the Doctrine and Covenants for my answer," the President replied.

"For whoso is faithful unto the obtaining these two Priesthoods of which I have spoken and the magnifying their calling are sanctified by the spirit unto the renewing of their bodies."

How much better it would be if we could all have this faith that the Lord will ask nothing of His children except He provide a way for it to be accomplished.

Even so, the price of leadership comes high. One may expect to be misunderstood, misquoted, maligned and sometimes martyred. There are hours of discouragement and frustrations, but the truly devoted leader never takes his hand from the plough nor does he look back so long as life lasts. President McKay's constancy of purpose and action under all circumstances stands as an imposing monument to his great leadership.

Like David of old he has found favour in the sight of God, but unlike David he has never brought shame or reproach upon his name or the name of the Church in over a half century of public ministry.

As a boy I stood with my good mother in the presence of a man who knew not God nor his righteousness. This man spoke cynically of President McKay's failure to achieve financial success. In righteous indignation

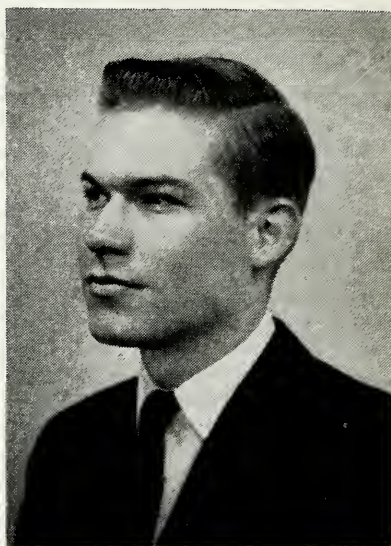
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REFLECTIONS AND PROSPECTS

By ELDER
CLIFFORD TERRY WARNER

*Elder Clifford T. Warner
has been appointed Associate
Editor of the Millennial Star,
effective upon the release of
Elder Richard L. Evans, Jr.,
September 13*



THERE would be cause to wonder, had not its charter editor been an Apostle endowed with the gift of prophecy, how the *Millennial Star* survived the one-hundred and seventeen years since its inception to proclaim the Gospel's truths in the British Isles today. During that period it weathered years of persecution, invasion and financial hardship when the chances of ceasing to be the Church's oldest publication seemed far more certain than the prospects of continuing.

But Parley Parker Pratt was an Apostle, and he prophesied on behalf of the *Star*. In the initial issue, May 1840, he boldly set

forth a prospectus promising that "The long night of darkness is now far spent—the truth revived in its primitive simplicity and purity, like the day-star of the horizon, lights up the dawn of that effulgent morn when the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

He dedicated the *Millennial Star* to pronounce the remarkable visions and prophecies of these days, to be a luminary in the hand of God dispelling darkness and error and lighting men's ways, to proclaim the resoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ "until he (Christ) reigns, whose right it is to reign."

And in accordance with prophecy promising the *Star* to be a continual, divinely inspired guide for this dispensation toward and until the Millennium, Parley P. Pratt and his successors have cried fervently the principles of the Gospel through the *Star*, and have preserved in its pages inspiring discourses and thrilling accounts of the Saints in those early days.

Thumbing through the worn pages of the first *Stars*, one often ponders the example of those courageous people, their faith in God, their love for His teachings and for one another, and the rich heritage they built with their courage, their toil, their lives. Early *Star* reports and letters are unending tributes to the Saints. In an impassioned letter recounting increasing faithfulness and baptisms, Orson Pratt, the editor's brother, wrote: "...we wait for the redemption of Israel, particularly those who have...sacrificed their time, their talents, and their all in so glorious a work."

When we contemplate the Saints' sacrifice and trial then it is not surprising that we should regard them with awe and wonder if our way is as difficult as was theirs, if we have been as severely tested, or stand as worthy of reward. And it is natural that we should wonder if such great men as Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Heber C. Kimball, Willard Richards, Joseph Fielding, Orson Hyde, Charles W. Penrose or the Pratts are preaching the Gospel here today.

If into the hearts of the Saints of these islands we might look, we would discover that, since the days the Gospel was restored, they have

retained the same spiritual fire that provoked the exploits of the pioneers. Just as our fathers overcame much and gained much by their acceptance of the Gospel, so those who accept and live the Gospel today overcome much and gain much. Just as spiritual and dynamic individuals served missions here then, so their sons and grandsons, bearing the same Spirit of God and the same eternal truths, labour among us today. And just as the Lord formerly raised a prophet to lead His people through tribulation and joy, so has He today ordained a prophet to lead us.

If there was heroism and faithfulness and valiance to record in the early volumes of the *Star*, then there exists to fill these present volumes equal virtue and nobility among the Saints. Though the trials undergone may not be by nature as painful, they often prove as severe; social pressures and disapproval, increasing apathy and sophistry concerning religion, and sacrifice of means during an economically difficult period comprise some of the hardships now. We echo the praise of Elder Pratt in commending the Saints: in the face of evil influence and obstacle they respond with zeal, willing and joyous, for yet today there is sacrifice of time, of talent, of all in bringing to pass this glorious work.

The *Millennial Star* rededicates itself to uncompromisingly declaring the truth to all who seek the truth, and to honouring, as the early brethren and sisters were honoured, those in the British Mission who by their deeds wove the Gospel banner highly wherever they go, contributing mightily to that golden heritage begun for us by our fathers.



The President, presiding and speaking at the 127th Annual General Conference of the Church last April

PRESIDENT DAVID O.

... in Appreciation of a

PRESIDENT David O. McKay himself once said that "the real test of any church or religion is the kind of men it makes." There is no better way that the world can determine or evaluate the real worth of any set of beliefs or code of conduct than this—what it produces in the lives of its followers. And certainly no one person in an organization is going to be watched more closely than the man who presides over it, who acts as its leader. His every action is often

taken to be typical of the thinking and conduct of the whole membership. Thus, every day for the past six years the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been judged, either partly or finally in the minds of many people by the life and the daily activities of its leader—President David O. McKay.

Wherever he goes in the world and whatever he does there are thousands of interested observers, both members and non-members of the Church, thousands of people

Many Happy Returns

On September 8, President David O. McKay reaches the 84th anniversary of his birth. For more than half a century of that time he has served faithfully and diligently in the high quorums of the Church and, although advanced in years, he continues to be as active as ever in carrying out the numerous and heavy responsibilities of his high calling.

The Millennial Star would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his birthday, to pay tribute to him for a life that has always been an example of the highest ideals of the gospel, and to express gratitude to him for the many hours of service and sacrifice which he eagerly continues to give.

Our prayers unite that the Lord will continue to bless him with peace, health and happiness, and usefulness in noble service in all the days to come.

President McKay with Mrs. McKay

MCKAY

Prophet

to meet, hands to shake, autographs to sign, questions to answer, problems to hear and solve and interviews to attend. Of the equally many impressions that have been formed in the minds of these who have met and watched and associated with him, a few have been recorded, and almost without exception they bear certain similarities. They convey a deep sense of respect and trust and gratitude towards a man of great spiritual wisdom and a man who represents



the finest, most desired things of life.

Elder Marion D. Hanks, at the last April Conference, mentioned the "occasional blessing" that had been his in taking distinguished visitors in Salt Lake City "into the offices of the President of the Church to greet him, to be greeted by him, and to feel the strength and stimulation and love which always emanates from him." Elder Hanks related one of these occasions:

"A few months ago Brother Evans and I with some others were privileged to attend a conference in the office of President McKay with one of the leading labour leaders in America, possibly as influential and important a man as there is in

his field. He was accompanied by his wife and two little daughters, and the experience was a beautiful and impressive one. There was no posturing, no pretence or effort to impress by President McKay—only genuine friendliness, interest, and love. The part of the story I would want remembered and on the record was what occurred when we had left the office. We stood in the halls of the Church Office Building, and this man, who in his employment and administration influences the lives of many millions of men, said to those of us who stood with him, and he said it with a moist eye, 'I have lived in many lands. I have been in the presence of kings and presidents and rulers, and I want to say to you men that I do not think our generation will produce another character like that!'"

Cecil B. DeMille, of world-wide fame for his work in the motion picture industry as a producer and director of great films, after brief associations with President McKay couldn't help but draw an analogy between this man's influence on him and Paul's effect on King Agrippa as recorded in the New Testament. Speaking at the graduation ceremonies at the Brigham Young University last June, Mr. DeMille remarked: "David McKay, almost thou persuadest me to be a Mormon." In another place he referred to him as "one of the great spiritual leaders in the world today."



The President, as he presided at and participated in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the British Temple at Newchapel, Surrey, on August 27, 1955



The First Presidency of the Church, left to right: President Stephen L. Richards, 1st Counsellor; President David O. McKay; President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., 2nd Counsellor. Although their average age is over 82, they continue to labour long hours in health and with vigour and enthusiasm in administering the affairs of the Church.

These and many other good men of the world who are leaders in their own right, who have excelled and are powerful in their own important fields of work, yet on meeting President McKay, have recognised him for what he is—a great man and an authorised representative of our Father in Heaven.

Both Mr. DeMille and the labour leader sensed in him, even in their very brief contact, what was described in greater detail more than 35 years ago by Hugh J. Cannon in a short characterisation of the President:

“... a man every line of whose face denotes firmness and courage, intensely serious when serious mat-

ters are being considered, as immovable as Gibraltar when principle is involved, but withal a kindly man and one whose heart is full of sympathy and human tenderness and an unflinching love for all mankind. In no degree sanctimonious and with a highly developed sense of humour, he still has a deep appreciation of sacred things; refined and intellectual, he is yet one of the common people; a vital, dynamic power of good wherever he goes, he is still as humble as the little child whom we must all resemble in order to enter the kingdom of heaven...”

So again, “the real test of any church or religion is the kind of



President McKay with one of his sons on the old family farm where, for many years, the McKays have had the opportunity to learn the value of hard work

men it makes." What President McKay is today has been formed and built by the divine principles of truth which he understands and applies. Those same truths are the heritage of all Latter-day Saints and their guide also to a fuller, more meaningful existence—to the making of great men and women. David O. McKay is one of the greatest examples of what this religion can "make," and as "Mormonism" continues to produce, as it has in the past, men whose lives approach the level of his own in happiness and in useful-

ness, it will continue to "pass the test" in the judgments of honest people everywhere.

It is sometimes difficult for those who meet him for the first time to know just what it is about him that draws their whole attention. He looks impressive—a powerfully built man over six feet tall with a head of flowing white hair, is courteous and always a gentleman, well educated with a quick and always kind sense of humour. But more than all this he radiates happiness and a sense of purposeful, worthwhile living; he is interested

Earlier photos of President McKay, left to right: about 17 years of age; as a missionary in Scotland; about the time of his call to be an Apostle at 33 years of age



in every person he meets; his words are wise and consistent, and he loves all men for the good that is in them and for the possibilities they possess. He is as much at home with those who guide the affairs of nations as he is with the small groups of children who visit him in his office. All classes and all ages of righteous people feel equally at ease in his presence.

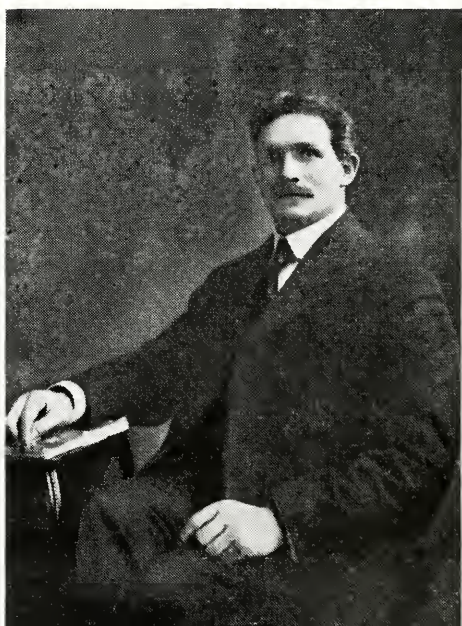
The Book of Mormon tells the story of a man who spoke very vigorously against the things of God and against his representatives here on the earth, saying that they taught religion to deceive the people and to take from them their wealth—that they were simply preaching to make an easy living from the labours of others.

In answer he was reminded that the clergy in the Church of Christ is not a professional one, that because there were no material motives behind their work, there was no reason why they should want to deceive the people, and that the only profit which they received from their labours in the Church was the privilege of "declaring the truth, that they may

have rejoicing in the joy of their brethren."

President McKay, who was called as a young man to give up personal ambitions and to consecrate his time and his energy to the work of the Lord must also have found over the past 50 years a great rejoicing within himself at the privilege of declaring the truth and in the joy of his brethren who receive it—a rejoicing which could not even be weighed on the same small scales as the material wealth and personal accomplishments which in other fields he might have had.

He was born on September 8, 1873 in the small community of Huntsville, Utah where he spent the early years of his life, and where he gained his love and respect for the work of the farm, for animals, for outdoor life and for athletics of many kinds. He attended the University of Utah and after graduating as the President of his class in 1897 and filling a mission to the British Isles (1897-1899) he became an instructor at the Weber Stake Academy and a short time later, in 1902, was appointed



the principal of that institution of learning.

On January 2, 1901, he married Emma Ray Riggs who has been a loving and capable and faithful companion to him in the more than half a century that has elapsed since.

He remained at the academy until he was called to be a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles in 1906 at only 33 years of age.

It has often been noticed and expressed that when President McKay speaks he has the rare ability of "tying the entire audience to him from the youngest to the oldest." It is true that he has always been a teacher of children, of youth, and of men and women, and this ability has helped him in numerous assignments and varied responsibilities since his call to the Quorum of the Twelve.

In October of 1906 he was appointed as the second assistant in

the General Superintendency of the Sunday Schools. Later he became the first assistant and then President of the Deseret Sunday School Union. In 1921 he was assigned to make an official visit to all of the missions of the Church throughout the world. With this responsibility he travelled over 62,000 miles in about 13 months. He has also served as Church Commissioner of Education, a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Utah, on the Board of Trustees of the Utah State Agricultural College and at the Brigham Young University, President of the European Mission (1922-1924), a member and later the head of the Missionary Committee, where he did much in developing and expanding the missionary work, and has filled many other capacities of various natures. In October, 1934, he was called to be the second counsellor to President Grant and was called again in 1945 to serve in the same position under President

Typical of the gatherings of the McKay family, including the families of their sons and daughters, as they all get together on holidays or for family traditions



George Albert Smith. To his many civic responsibilities during these years was added the Chairmanship of the Utah Centennial Commission from 1938 to 1947 when the purpose for the commission had been fulfilled.

On April 12, 1951 following the death of President George Albert Smith, David O. McKay was set apart as the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This calling climaxed many years of noble and unselfish service, of giving freely of his time and means and talents to the building up of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. These years prepared him well for the responsibilities he holds today.

And during the past six years his pace has even increased. He has

travelled more widely than ever, met more people over greater areas, and stands wherever he goes as a source of instruction, inspiration and encouragement. Few men have been more widely loved and respected or have done more to elevate and ennoble the lives of people.

With the whole Church, we can voice the words of the hymn: "We thank Thee, O God for a Prophet to guide us in these latter days." We are grateful for President McKay—for the example of his life, for all that he does and for all that he represents. He lives as he teaches, and all men, from the mightiest to the least, who have felt his influence know that their lives have been lifted by the presence of a man of God.

R.L.E., Jnr.

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Mother rebuked him in a manner I shall always remember. She said: "Material success is nothing compared with a life devoted to one's fellow-men. To build faith where there is doubt, to increase knowledge where it is lacking, to comfort hearts that are sorrowing, and to strengthen those who are weak is President McKay's wealth, and this cannot be measured by the material standards of men."

In the life of man it comes to few to stand as high in the councils of the Lord and in the estimation of one's fellowmen. But it lies within the capacity of the least favoured among us to be respectful, generous, loyal and grateful to those who devote thier lives to the building up of the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

In the words of Paul:

"Obey your leaders and give way to them, for they are keeping watch in defence of your souls, as men accountable for the trust. Make their work a joy and not a grief."

As you enter your 85th year, President McKay, may you know that the missionaries and the members of the British Mission sustain you with their loyalty and faith in your prophetic calling and pray that your remaining days upon the earth will be filled with joy.

C.G.M.K.

THE PROSPEROUS TIME

By **HELOYCE F. HANSON**
Secretary to Mission President

THERE is a sea of people in London and no matter how many times you walk her streets, you will seldom see the same person twice. The people are fascinating.

It was not unusual then that, although the car was full, little was said but all eyes were turned to London's crowded streets. We pulled up sharply to an intersection and I saw an old man slowly making his way to the corner. The years had marked him conspicuously and his back was so bent it was impossible for him to raise his eyes from the street. His clothes were shabby and tattered and his dirty coat was especially worn where it swept the ground.

The car started suddenly and the old man was soon out of sight. Yet I could not forget him and I stretched and sat tall in the seat to make sure my back was straight and strong. With an overwhelming awareness of the value of that one ability, I promised myself to be ever grateful for my abundant blessings and never again to lose sight of that gratitude.

Several months have passed since that time and my recollection of the old man is not now so clear. The awareness that inspired greater diligence in compensation for my gratitude has faded. The blessings are still mine but it is so easy to forget.

Repeatedly the scriptures bear witness that when the blessings of the Lord are showered upon His children, they prosper and flourish and forget. After 400 years of captivity and slavery, the children of Israel were at last led from Egypt under the guidance of Moses after many miraculous manifestations by the Lord. Their final great exodus through the midst of the Red Sea brought them from the depths of bondage as a free people. But it did not take them long to forget. They fashioned a calf of gold, an idol, to replace that Power which had saved them.

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves; They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them . . .”¹

This same forceful example was repeated to Laman and Lemuel by their brother Nephi as he rebuked them for their continual forgetfulness of their blessings from the Lord.

“And notwithstanding they (the children of Israel) being led, the Lord their God, their Redeemer, going before them, leading them by day and giving light unto them by night, and doing all things for them which were expedient for man to receive, they

hardened their hearts and blinded their minds, and reviled against Moses and against the true and living God."²

Nephi's charge to his brothers was pointed.

"... Ye have seen an angel, and he spake unto you; yea, ye have heard his voice from time to time; and he hath spoken unto you in a still small voice, but ye were past feeling, that ye could not feel his words; wherefore, he has spoken unto you like unto the voice of thunder, which did cause the earth to shake as if it were to divide asunder... O, then, why is it, that ye can be so hard in your hearts?... Ye are swift to do iniquity but slow to remember the Lord your God."³

As we read the scriptures we plainly see the weakness of men as they turn from the Lord and lose sight of the source of their blessings. We wonder at their foolishness and ingratitude. When the hand of the Lord has been so obvious, how could they "harden their hearts" and forget?

Yet this same weakness has found its place in all men and our own forgetfulness should bring us up short to that realisation. When we are in need, it is not so difficult to supplicate the Lord for an acknowledgement of our cries. Our "real intent" carries with it a vow of greater diligence. A kind and loving Father in Heaven does hear that supplication and grants, in wisdom, the answer to it. As we "prosper and flourish" we sever

our dependency upon the Lord and pride ourselves in the confidence that we are very secure. But that security is not founded upon the laws whereby all blessings are predicted. We fall and of necessity humble ourselves again before the Lord.

"And now, because ye are compelled to be humble blessed are ye; for a man sometimes, if he is compelled to be humble, seeketh repentance..."

"And now, I said unto you, that because ye were compelled to be humble ye were blessed, do ye not suppose that they are more blessed who truly humble themselves because of the word?"⁴

The challenge to Latter-day Saints today is not one of persecution or ridicule. It does not require, in general, the sacrifice of home and loved ones. But the challenge is no less than at that time when such conditions were prevalent. For the dangerous time has been the prosperous time and the attestation of our faith today is held more keenly in balance than ever before.

"... Do not let us be slothful because of the easiness of the way; for so was it with our fathers; for so was it prepared for them, that if they would look they might live; even so it is with us. The way is prepared, and if we will look we may live forever."⁵

¹ Exodus 32:7, 8

² 1 Nephi 17:30

³ 1 Nephi 17:45, 46

⁴ Alma 32:13-14

⁵ Alma 37:46

Every act rewards itself . . .

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By Elder
ROBERT A. MADSEN
Supervising Elder
London District

THE SACRAMENT

*"While of these emblems we
partake,
In Jesus' name and for his sake,
Let us remember and be sure,
Our hearts and hands are clean
and pure."*

AS I sit here waiting to partake of the Lord's Supper, my mind starts to dwell on just how significant this ordinance is to me. I recall President McKay's thoughts that "no more sacred ordinance is administered in the Church of Christ than the administration of the sacrament."

On the eve of the unforgettable day when Judas "came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him," thereby betraying his Lord, the Saviour supped with his Apostles in commemoration of the solemn and sacred Feast of the Passover. At this time the new ordinance of the Bread and Wine Sacrament was given to the Church to replace this Mosaic Feast. As the Feast of the Passover was symbolical of God's deliverance of the Children of Israel from the wrath of the destroying angel, so also was this new practice to be symbolical of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The Lord told his Apostles to "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me."

The Supper, like many other

ordinances found within the Primitive Church, has been changed by the will of man. In much of the Christian World a great mysticism has entered into this simple, but very sacred law. The most prevalent such change crept in during the third century. It seems that the people of the day were not satisfied with the simplicity found in Christ, and in the stead changed and surrounded the practices with pomp, ceremony, and mystery. No longer was the sacrament taken solely in remembrance, but a supernatural trans-substantiation caused the bread to be the very flesh, and the wine to be the very blood of the Saviour. With this also was the belief that, in essence, there was a "re-crucifixion."

Coupled with this many years later was the feeling, contrary as it was to the Lord's wish, that there was no longer any necessity of partaking of both the bread and wine. The feeling now was that both the "flesh" and the "blood" were contained in the wafer; therefore, the Golden Goblet, holding the wine, was no longer passed among the congregation. Those who were not worthy to partake of the wafer were not allowed to witness the ceremony. (The prevalent feeling was that only the worthy members of the church should be allowed to witness this ceremony.

This is, of course, contradictory to the words found in III Nephi 18: 28-30 which says, "that ye shall not suffer anyone knowingly to partake of my flesh and blood unworthily, when ye shall minister it . . . nevertheless, ye shall not cast him out from among you, but ye shall minister unto him and shall pray for him unto the Father, in my name.") Now a new decree was given to the ministry that if any part of the Sacrifice fell upon the altar or the ground, great sin fell upon him who had administered it. Remittance of which could only come through: penance from twenty days to a year, singing fifty Psalms, and many other practices.

The Protestant world recognised the folly in Trans-substantiation; therefore, we find a modification of that doctrine and the doctrine of strict remembrance. No longer were the bread and wine the actual flesh and blood of the Saviour, but much of the world believed that only the Spirit of Christ entered into the emblems or into the individual partaking of them. This supposedly caused a rejuvenation of one's personal spirit. While this doctrine drew closer to the truth, it still remained only a compromise

between the popular teachings and the Bible.

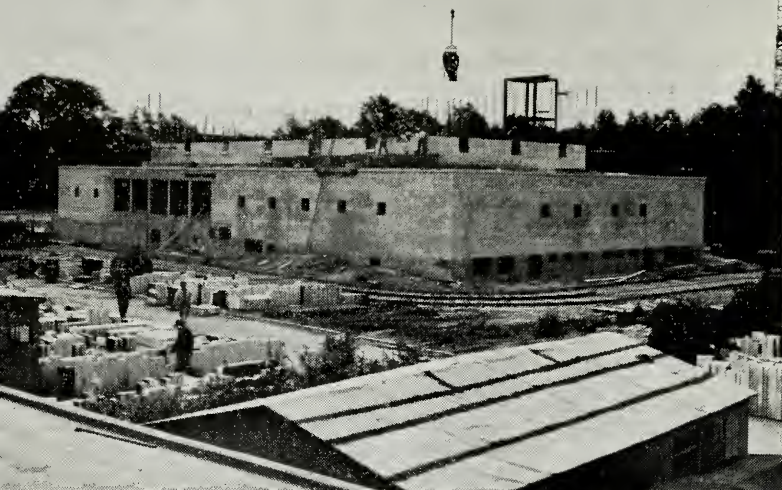
Through the Prophetic powers of Joseph Smith the Lord has given to the world the "restitution of all things." Included with this restitution is the proper mode, purposes and prayers of the sacrament. One has only to listen closely to the prayers offered in the blessing of the emblems to realise our covenants with the Lord, as we partake of it.

"O God, the Eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it, that they may eat in remembrance of the body of thy Son, and witness unto thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of thy Son, and always remember him and keep his commandments which he has given them; that they may always have his Spirit to be with them. Amen."

Perhaps the words of King Benjamin will explain to us "take upon us the name of thy Son." "I would that ye should take upon you the name of Christ . . . and it shall come to pass that whosoever doeth this shall be found at the

THE LAST SUPPER by da Vinci





Facing approximately east, from the rear of the structure

The first floor concrete slab has been completed with the lift shaft rising to the first mezzanine level. Central heating, ventilating, plumbing and electrical installations are nearing completion in the basement and ground-floor stories while the stone facing on the exterior has reached above the first-floor window sill.

right hand of God . . . I would that ye should remember also, that this is the name that I said I should give unto you that never should be blotted out, except it be through transgression." (Mosiah 5:6-12).

The covenant that we should always remember Him is basic for our whole life, for each thing we do must be founded upon the eternal principles of the Gospel. If we do this, we shall find true joy in Life.

Keeping the commandments of God is an outward sign that we have an abiding love for Him and his Beloved Son. Too often, though, the only commandments we think of are those delivered on Mount Sinai to Moses, and forget those given to us in these latter

days through the Prophet Joseph Smith. Only by living all of His laws can we fully understand them and be lifted up at the last day.

As I partake of the sacrament, I'm truly humbled with the thought of my Lord suffering such pain and agony to give to me the precious gift of eternal life. It is up to me to so pattern my life, as to be prepared to meet my Maker in Eternity. Knowing that no matter what kind of a life I may have led, without the message of His Gospel and His unforgettable sacrifice. I would have never known true happiness in this life or the new possible life hereafter.

May I testify by word and action, as did Job, that "I know that my Redeemer liveth." (Job 19:25).

TEMPLE PROGRESS

A view of the front of the construction and of the place where the cornerstone was laid, at the south-east corner of the building



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GOSPEL IDEALS*

by President David O. McKay

IN BRANCHES and wards, there is no virtue more conducive to progress and spirituality than the presence of this principle (unity). When jealousy, backbiting, evil speaking supplant confidence, self-subjection, unity, and harmony, the progress of the organisation is stifled.

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There is no one great thing which we can do to obtain eternal life, and it seems to me that the great lesson to be learned in the world today is to apply in the little acts and duties of life the glorious principles of the gospel.

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The family gives to the child his name and standing in the community. A child wants his family to be as good as those of his friends. He wants to be able to point with pride to his father and feel an inspiration every time he looks at his mother. It is a mother's duty so to live that her children will associate with her everything that is beautiful, sweet, and pure. And fathers, even the poorest of us, from a financial standpoint, may so conduct our lives as to be able to give our sons a good name.

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Joseph Smith, the Prophet, has repeatedly given us the assurance that God will not support the idler, that the idler has no place in this Church. The children should know it—O these young men, some of whom belong to us, who are looking forward to a life of ease, to clean clothes, soft white hands—the result, they think of leisure or of wealth! These young men should be warned of the danger of that kind of life.

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You cannot awaken in the hearts of children a nobility which is not yours.

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There exists an eternal law that each human soul shall shape its own destiny. No one individual can make happiness or salvation for another. "Even God could not make men like Himself without making them free."

* Excerpts from the book *Gospel Ideals* by President David O. McKay.

On September 13, Elder Richard L. Evans, Jr., will be released from his missionary duties which have included a year in Wales and a year as Associate Editor of the *Millennial Star*. We feel sure that all our readers would wish to join us in commending him for the quality and excellence of the *Star* during the past year.

The Editor is especially grateful for his devotion and resourcefulness and joins all of you in wishing him success and happiness in the years ahead.

C. G. M. K.

What is Wisdom ?

By Dr. EDMUND C. EVANS

"Who has not, a hundred times, found himself committing a vile or stupid action, for no other reason than because he knows he should not?"

Edgar Allan Poe, *The Black Cat*

MORE than one hundred years ago Poe came to grips with a problem which he called "perverseness". He knew a lot about it because his brilliant life was plagued with his own inability to do what he knew was good for himself. Despite a remarkable mind, great insight into human motivations and behaviour, and success in his chosen field, he ruined his chance for happiness and ended a demented, drunken derelict.

Prophets from Moses to Samuel the Lamanite and the Saviour Himself each marvelled at the perverseness of his own generation. Great minds of our day are also wrestling with this problem. Leaders in medicine, law, psychiatry, social sciences, and religion all wonder why man does not act according to his knowledge.

One of the greatest modern mysteries is why men insist on maltreating their own minds and bodies in a day when there is almost universal knowledge of the rules of good health. These rules, known to Latter-day Saints as "The Word of Wisdom" for 123 years, are now known to thinking men everywhere as nutrition, preventive medicine and just plain good sense. Men who have never heard of Joseph Smith, and may even have forgotten God, have spent millions of tedious hours in experimental laboratories and a great fortune searching for ways to make us healthier, happier, and more productive. Let us outline some of what they have found and compare this "new" knowledge with the Word of Wisdom. Finally let us think together of reasons why people fail to use all this knowledge.

NUTRITION: From the inquisitive minds of a few scientists scattered through Europe at the turn of the century came the seed that grew into the great science of nutrition. Disease which had been blamed on God's whims or magic such as rickets, beri-beri, scurvy, night-blindness, pellegra and some bleeding diseases and anemias have been found to be due to man's poor diet. When the exciting news of vitamins was unfolded between the two wars, doctors, chemists and patients were caught in a tidal wave of vitamin pills. Now there is universal agreement that with normal food supplies the best and cheapest way to nutrition is a good diet. Is this different from "... all wholesome herbs . . . for the constitution and use of man," or "flesh to be used sparingly," or "all grain . . . for the use of man . . . to be the staff of life," as advised in the Word of Wisdom? Furthermore if we are able to eat fresh foods "in the season

thereof" we do better than even the best quick freezing or miraculous new radioactive processes.

Do not undervalue dietary supplements. We who were in England during or after World War II know that man's ingenuity (such as rose hip extracts, irradiated ergosterol, enriched flour) could promote good health even on the drab, substandard ration. But all who endured those years know how much more pleasant and beneficial it is to eat as God advised!

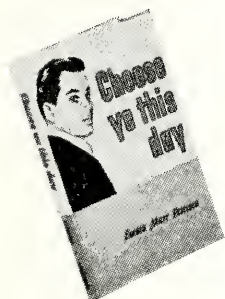
ALCOHOL: England, whose fearless prohibitionists coined the word "teetotal", is in an excellent position to observe the physical, moral, and financial ruin wrought by national alcoholism. Across the Channel in France at least one government has tottered trying to fight national drunkenness. Medical journals have carried shocking accounts of alcoholism in infants . . . sometimes fatal. Chronic alcoholism with financial ruin, family disintegration, malnutrition and cirrhosis, and permanent brain changes is so well documented that more evidence is redundant. But why do barristers drive while drunk? Why do surgeons operate while "hung over"? Why do students read and take examinations partially anesthetised with alcohol? Why do honest working men drink away their hard-earned wages? There is no simple answer, but men of all countries who study the problem conclude that men drink because they are not happy. Because they do not have a purpose in life or do not have enough inner strength to fight toward that purpose. Psychiatrists say that "dependent" people drink to dissolve their insecurities. Treatment is aimed at developing real, lasting, satisfying goals and nourishing such undeveloped personality assets as leadership, group spirit and faith. Simply taking away the alcohol, or threats, or ridicule, or even guilt does not suffice. This is why so many people who have discovered the Gospel of Christ, learn why they are alive and become active in the Priesthood or auxiliaries no longer need alcohol at all. They are no longer afraid, wandering aimlessly in life.

TOBACCO: Tobacco was long considered a harmless, though expensive and enslaving habit. Men have known for years that tobacco contains nicotine, a deadly poison. But with certain exceptions (Buerger's Disease) it has been a reasonably safe practice. However in this decade cigarette smoking has been gravely incriminated in the rising incidence of cancer of the lung. Just what the agent is, and whether other agents such as airborne industrial residues also contribute, is not decided. The survival of only five per cent of lung cancer victims for five years, even after good surgery, and the great increase in such disease among heavy smokers has made many men wonder why they ever touch another cigarette. Perhaps even more convincing is the mountain of evidence now being accumulated which indicts smoking . . . and this time the nicotine itself . . . in the rising rate of coronary artery disease. (Angina pectoris, a painfulcrippler, and coronary occlusion, its swift killing companion.) In addition all doctors recognise the bad effects of smoking on peptic ulcers and diseases of the arteries of the extremities.

Why do people smoke? Why do physicians smoke? Of course it is because it gives pleasure. No one denies this. People continue to smoke because of a drug habit. No one who has tried to stop denies this! Why do people fail to stop smoking? Again, there is no simple reason, but isn't it reasonable to suppose that lack of knowledge of the serious consequences upon the body in early years when the habit is acquired, coupled with undeniable addiction later on can explain it? This is one habit that good judgment dictates be broken when the reasons are understood.

In 1957 man's scientific knowledge provides overpowering reasons for obeying these simple laws of good health. Only the peculiar "perverseness" of the human family prevents all men everywhere from using this knowledge. Latter-day Saints know that God Himself has promised blessings of wisdom, great treasures of knowledge, health and endurance, and ultimate salvation if we obey all His wise counsel. Let us not endanger our ultimate happiness, as well as our health now, by doing things that reason and inspiration instruct us are not wise.

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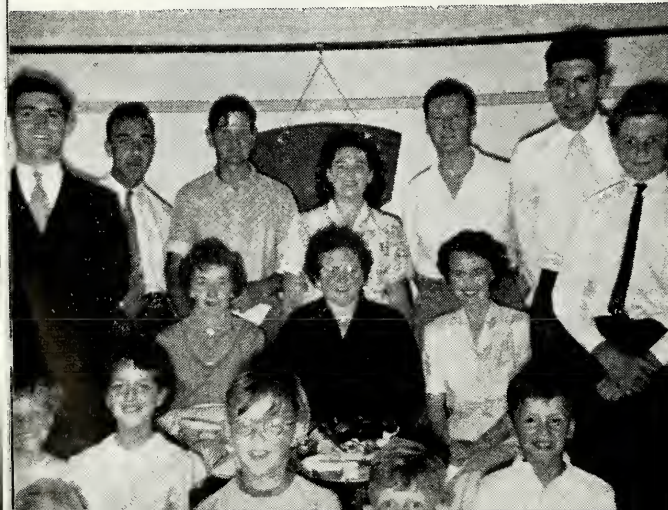
Birmingham

Northampton M.I.A. visited the local Post Office on July 10, and saw what happens when the letters and parcels are posted. A ramble was enjoyed on July 24, and despite the threat of rain a distance of eight miles was walked.

In every dispensation the Saints have been an agricultural people and this dispensation is no exception. On July 16, the Birmingham Saints got really close to the earth—they played miniature golf at Sandwell Park. Air, earth and sky combined to make it a memorable occasion; trees left their usual habitat and galloped across the velvety green to stand in the way of what seemed to be quite normal shots and sand flew from deep bunkers and rained upon passing players. It was usual for one who shall remain nameless to miss the ball completely and precipitate the tee on to the neighbouring green. The game was

won by the Sister who took more shots and more time to get round the course than anyone else present. She was still playing when the others had gone home.

"The old order changeth" and surely it does in the Birmingham Branch; unfortunately a changing order often involves saying good-bye to those we have learned to love and Birmingham has learnt to love Sisters Nina Bailey and Hilda Jenkins who have both sailed for Canada. Sister Bailey was Relief Society Secretary and a source of comfort to many afflicted. Her husband is already in Canada preparing a home for her and the children. Birmingham now seems a little strange and empty without her. Sister Jenkins will be missed more especially by the mothers of the District for she was a Primary worker with a genius—she knew how to handle babies. The nipper that wept in her arms was a



*Members and friends
of the Newton Abbot
Branch at a social
on June 29*



President Roberts of the York Branch singing a solo at a recent activity

naughty nipper indeed! Both these have the love and best wishes of all members of the Branch.

Coventry Branch held its first Fireside on May 31, and was very well attended. The programme consisted of a film show and songs for young and old.

About sixty people enjoyed a picnic at Coventry Memorial Park. Games and races were organised by the missionaries and the older members proved themselves just as nimble as the younger ones.

Bristol

The Newton Abbot members put on a party for the investigators on June 29. Fifteen investigators came and enjoyed fun, games and food at the home of Brother and Sister Raymond Vranck. Mr. George Wilcox brought a strong board to the party which was used to give thrilling "Airplane" rides whilst Mrs. Sylvia Jackson and young Stephen Meluish showed superior skill in being able to light

a candle while sitting cross-legged on a pickle-crock. Elders Ashby and Bentley added their part to the programme when they got in "Cahoots" and kept everyone baffled for quite a while as to how it was done. During the intermission, Elder Bentley told everyone about the "Cremation of Sam McGee" and Christopher Vranck, dressed for the part gave a very entertaining rendition of the "Tavistock Goosey Fair" in Devonshire dialect.

On July 9, President S. Johansen who was returning home was presented with a book of the history of Bristol by President Arthur Lewtas on behalf of Bristol Branch.

Bristol Branch M.I.A., were well represented at the Bristol Youth Committee Championships with Dierdre Stanbury placed third in the girls' long jump and Roger Jones third in the one hundred yards and first in the high jump.

July 21 was the first Sunday of

*Grimsby Branch
Supper*



the bus strike and Brother and Sister Wills' three daughters walked to Sunday School in the pouring rain. The journey took one hour but Pat Wills said she would rather get wet than miss Sunday School.

On Saturday, July 13, seventeen children and eighteen adults of the Bournemouth Branch travelled by coach to the scene of a branch outing. There were races for all ages, games and cricket in which Sister Deary excelled by making the most runs. There were also plenty of eats and soft drinks. Brother S. Kenchington did a fine job in organising the games.

On Sunday evening, August 4, Sister L. B. Summersell was awarded a certificate for her five years as Primary Mother.

Hull

Hull Relief Society held a concert on July 13, which included two hilarious plays featuring Sisters Dora Thomas and Gladys Coulman. Further enjoyment was provided by sketches including one in

which Sister Minnie Jones aged eighty took the part of a nattering little boy complete with school-cap. Sister Marion Barrett was in charge of the show and arranged a lovely rhyming introduction to each turn in non-stop manner. This was a lovely evening graced by a full house attendance.

The Hull Branch Annual Summer Fayre was held on July 27 under the direction of Brother Jack Spurr and the Entertainment Committee. This turned out to be a grand evening with plenty of stalls and all the fun of the fair. Sister Scott as the gipsy fortune teller had everyone wondering if their heads were properly developed. Sister Theaker tested the senses of taste and smell and clock golf was played.

Grimsby Branch held their annual Sunday School outing to Hubbards Hills on July 20. Owing to the bus strike it was feared that the outing would have to be cancelled but "Granville Tours" very kindly offered the use of a coach

after the two ordered buses were prevented from operating. The weather was not very kind but cricket, baseball and various games were played, minerals, crisps, chocolates and ice-creams were given to the young people and the day was a very enjoyable one. A good friend placed himself and his car at the disposal of the older people of the Branch and saved them quite a long walk from the coach to the field where the games were played.

On Saturday, July 27, the Scunthorpe Branch Priesthood held a very successful social in aid of the Priesthood funds. Brother Edward Crosley acted as the M.C. Some very amusing "embarrassing moments" were related, and various skits were given. The evening was rounded off with everyone doing justice to the varied assortment of cakes and sandwiches.

Irish

The District Outing to Millisle was held on July 20, and although the weather was bad it did not stop the Saints from coming or the children from bringing their buckets and spades. Brother J. Ditty took a movie of the outing.

Leeds

On Saturday, July 13, Leeds Branch held their Annual Sunday School outing. They journeyed westward to Ilkley, though not "Baht at", as the song goes, as the weather was anything but promising. However, despite showers and an ominous Scotch mist, the happy group really enjoyed the games, which were organised by Brothers John Pallister and Alec Richardson. Prizes were given for the children's events and they certainly

did not let the weather get them down.

Later in the day the open air swimming pool resounded to the laughter of the young members who seemed oblivious to the cool air. Ice-creams rounded off a happy day and the time for the train homeward came all too soon.

Liverpool

On Saturday, July 13, members of the Blackburn Sunday School enjoyed an outing to Blackpool. The afternoon was spent in the Tower with visits to the Zoo and aquarium and naturally enough the children were delighted. They were all presented with sticks of Blackpool rock and on returning to Blackburn all were entertained at the home of President and Sister Shorrocks.

The Burnley Relief Society, under the direction of Sister Jeanne Pickup, gave a dinner on Saturday, July 20, which was well attended. After a good meal the Relief Society with the assistance of the Priesthood put on a one-act play which was an old favourite, "The Monkey's Paw". This was enjoyed by all and the evening was rounded off by games. The District President, Elder Clyde Russell, was in attendance. Nelson Branch which is now co-opted to Burnley held a social evening and film show on July 27, under the capable organisation of Bro. G. A. Holmes.

A farewell party was given in the Liverpool Branch for Brother and Sister Nicol on July 13. The evening was given over to games and Latin-American dancing. This popular couple were presented with a varnished tray and a set of table mats. Everyone wishes them

God-speed and the very best of luck as they return now to the States. They will certainly be missed as both of them were exceedingly hard workers during the 3 years they have been in the Liverpool Branch.

The Gleaners gave a baby shower for Sister Ena Heap on July 17. Games and refreshments were provided by the Gleaners and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

Preston Branch have lost their Avenham Street recreational rooms after 30 years occupation, notice having been given by the Landlords. The rooms were used formerly as a Chapel and recreational hall but after the opening of the new Chapel in Ribbleton some years ago the Avenham Street rooms were used only for recreational purposes and occasional District Preparation meetings. Many of the older Preston members are sorry that this connection has now been severed, but everyone in the Branch is looking ahead now to the commencement of building operations for a new recreation hall adjacent to the present Chapel.

London

Newchapel Branch Teenagers held a fireside on July 31 in Newchapel House and a Book of Mormon questioning with the missionaries proved very interesting.

Brighton beach was the locale of Newchapel Sunday School outing on July 20 and races and games were enjoyed by all.

A Farewell party was given by Newchapel Relief Society on July 25 for their President Sister Joan Cunningham who was presented with a sewing apron embroidered

by the Sisters. On August 2 a Book was presented to both Brother and Sister Cunningham as a farewell present by the Branch. Brother and Sister Cunningham left for Salt Lake City on August 3.

Under the capable direction of M.I.A. Maid Leader, Olive Adkin, a successful Rose evening programme was held at Newchapel on July 27. Three M.I.A. Maids had gained their awards and both they and their mothers wore corsages of roses. The girls were presented with Treasures of Truth Books. Following the ceremony a beautifully decorated iced cake and squash was served.

West Drayton Relief Society spent an interesting evening on July 18 at the Hobby Shop of the Base, they were shown how to develop and print films and some members had an attempt themselves with interesting results.

Sister Mayfield, with the help of the West Drayton Branch Presidency organised a trip to Stratford-on-Avon on July 4. Most members were able to attend and visit the many places of interest in connection with Shakespeare. Through the courtesy of the U.S.A.F. the coach and driver were provided free.

Manchester

Wythenshawe Relief Society held a Jumble Sale on July 13 and Sister Clark was gratified to count the takings up to £16. This may be used to buy trestle tables although some of the sisters thought suits of armour for protection against the bargain-happy public might be a better investment.

Newcastle

Newcastle City Branch held a farewell social on June 12 for Sister



Relief Society District Supervisors' Convention held at Nottingham on Saturday, July 6, 1957

Joan Key and her two daughters. Gifts were presented to them from the members who love them dearly and the evening's activities were brought to a close with a prayer offered by Sister Key. The family left for Utah on June 22.

For a number of weeks the Newcastle Chapel has been undergoing some changes and it is good to report of the progress made. The new colours are a soft shell pink ceiling and frieze with blue mist walls and off-white woodwork. The Branch now has a gardener to tend the outside of the building and Brother Herbert Gibson is getting results for his hard work. It was once hoped that a lawn could be laid but the soil formation is against this but the flowers are making delightful scenery.

On July 3, Newcastle Branch Relief Society entertained the District to a film show presented by the C.W.S. It was thoroughly en-

joyed by all present especially the film showing delicious fillings for sandwiches and cakes. Free samples of cheese were given away and the Sisters provided refreshments to appease the appetites.

On Whit-Monday two bus-loads of Sunderland members and friends travelled to York to meet with the Saints there. The day began with a testimony meeting in the York Chapel and after lunch in the bright sunshine York beat Sunderland at cricket by fifty-three runs to forty-eight. The Newcastle missionaries had better luck and won the honours in a softball game with the Hull missionaries. Some of the York sisters spent the afternoon cooking hamburgers and preparing cakes, trifles and sandwiches. After a wonderful meal a concert was given on the sun pavilion and a great deal of talent was displayed. Just before the benediction, President Oates expressed thanks on be-

half of Sunderland Branch and issued an invitation to the York Saints to visit Sunderland.

Sunderland Branch held their Sunday School outing at Finchdale Priory on July 13. The weather was kind and the children enjoyed the races and games under the direction of Brother R. Botterill.

South Shields Chapel has undergone extensive alterations and re-decorations. After many hours of hard work the members were quite proud of the result when the first meeting was held there on July 15.

Nottingham

Loughborough Branch held a farewell social for Sister Dawson who was leaving to join her husband in Salt Lake City. She was presented with a pair of chair-backs which had been embroidered by one of the sisters. Her son was presented with a colouring book and pencils by Sister Pauline Bilby.

On July 5 Loughborough M.I.A. went for a bike ride to Mountsorrel Rocks. This was followed by the usual Gospel Study Class and a fish-and-chip supper.

A social was organised by Loughborough Relief Society on July 6 to raise funds for the Sunday School outing. Sisters Lilian Bilby and Kathleen Baily performed a skit called "Lost Property", the choir rendered a choral item and Sisters Joyce Bowler and Yvonne and Anner Pickering also entertained.

Nottingham Branch had the privilege of acting as host for the Relief Society District Supervisors Convention on July 6 and the local saints enjoyed accommodating the visitors in their homes. Sister Rhoda Tinson acted as hostess and the Nottingham sisters were pleased



Members of the West Drayton Branch on their outing to Stratford-on-Avon

to be able to prepare lunch for the visitors.

July 6 was a great day for the Nottingham children for it brought the Sunday School outing to Barrow-on-Soar. Seventy-five "children" enjoyed an afternoon of happy activity and even the cloud-burst on the journey home did not dampen their spirits.

A combined effort by the Nottingham brethren enabled many old members of the Branch to attend the Priesthood programme on July 7. It was inspiring to have them out to the meeting and to hear Sister Amy Gent give a ten-minute talk without notes the day before her ninety-fourth birthday. Brother and Sister Hawson who have been faithful members for many years despite the lack of sight also took part in the programme.

July 27 saw an exodus from the Nottingham Branch, no less than fifteen members leaving for a holiday together in South Devon, perhaps paving the way to greater things in the future.

Scottish

Edinburgh M.I.A. paid a visit to the *Daily Mail* offices on July 16. It was very interesting seeing how a paper is born, each stage was shown and a copy of the next day's paper was given to each one. The newspaper company provided the refreshments to round off this very instructive evening.

Welsh

Taking advantage of the good weather, Swansea Branch members met on May 25 at the home of Brother and Sister James Bent for a combination yard clean-up and play-day. Elders Hodgson and Romney arrived early to mix what

they called a "skilletburger supper" around which the others added a wide assortment of salads and cakes. This "meal and a half", cricket, gardening and sawing firewood were the means of a real afternoon of fellowship and helpfulness.

To assist in making Whit-Monday another outstanding day, the sun shone warmly along the beautiful Gower coast where Swansea Branch came for a social and baptismal service. Preceding the usual games, boating and swimming, Brother and Sister John Woods were baptized in the stream. The closeness of nature, the significance of the ordinances performed and

ORDINATIONS:

Bristol District

Kenneth Martin Suggars of Cheltenham to Deacon

Hull District

George Stanley Hill of Scunthorpe to Deacon

Ronald Jack Mander of Scunthorpe to Deacon

Jack Spurr of Hull to Deacon

James Coom of Grimsby to Deacon

Irish District

Samuel James Douglas of Belfast to Deacon

William McLean Taylor of Belfast to Deacon

Robert Andrew McCracken of Belfast to Teacher

John Harper of Belfast to Elder

Gilbert J. Retz McCabe of Dublin to Deacon

Leeds District

Frank Chippendale of Leeds to Deacon

Gordon Osbourn of Leeds to Deacon

Alan Peter Moxon of Leeds to Deacon

Ronald Webster Moxon of Leeds to Deacon

Liverpool District

Thomas Matthew Fisher Mitchell of Liverpool to Deacon

London District

George A. W. Vousden of Romford to Elder

Percy Leonard J. Hester of Romford to Teacher

Peter Lawrence Hatch of Romford to Deacon

George Albert Postance of Romford to Deacon

John Bateman of Romford to Deacon

William Henry Mullen of Romford to Teacher

Frank Steel of Romford to Deacon

James Edward Hearn of Oxford to Teacher

Philip A. G. Rigby of Oxford to Priest

Geoffrey Derek Hobbs of St. Albans to Priest

Manchester District

John Roscoe Jones of Stockport to Priest

Andrew James Stocks of Bury to Teacher

Newcastle District

Robert William Johnson of S. Shields to Priest

Frank Johnson of S. Shields to Priest

Francis Edward Watson, Jr., of S. Shields to Deacon

Frederick M. Johnson of Darlington to Deacon

William Johnson of Darlington to Deacon

George Stephenson of S. Shields to Priest

Joseph W. Riley of Middlesbrough to Deacon

Norwich District

Desmond John McGrath of Southend to Deacon

Michael Reginal Jacobs of Southend to Deacon

Alan Leonard Lincoln of Southend to Deacon

Nottingham District

Clarence Wright Woodward of Nottingham to Teacher

Bertram Brown of Nottingham to Teacher

Scottish District

Alexander Cumming of Glasgow to Teacher

George Edward Jefferson of Edinburgh to Priest

Thomas Love Easton of Airdrie to Teacher

Henry Charles W. T. McGibbon of Airdrie to Teacher

Sheffield District

James Arthur Heesom of Chesterfield to Priest

the spirit that was present all combined to make the occasion a most memorable one.

Births and Blessings

Brian Black of Aberdeen was blessed by Brother William Selbie Black on July 7.

A son was born to President and Sister R. E. Spikin of Edinburgh on July 6.

A daughter was born to Brother and Sister L. Thomas of Swansea on May 24.

Alison Gale, the infant daughter of Brother and Sister James Bent, was blessed by Elder J. Romney on May 5.

A son was born to Brother and Sister Johnson of Loughborough on June 28.

Sally Georgina Bowles of Wythenshawe was blessed by her father on July 7.

The son of Brother and Sister George Smith of Luton was blessed on July 7 by his father and given the names Alan Roy.

The daughter of Mr. Stanley and Sister Jean Hume of Luton was blessed by her grandfather on July 28 and given the name Ann.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Haines was blessed by Elder C. Elwynn Olsen in the Southampton Branch and given the name of Beverley Marguerite Haines.

The son of Gordon and Sylvia Osborne of Leeds was blessed August 4 by Ralston Hogge and given the name of Geoffrey.

Colin John Kirkham of North London Branch was blessed on March 31 by Stephen J. Hawkes. Colin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kirkham.

Engagements

Sister Robina E. MacDonald, formerly of Belfast Branch and now a member of the South London Branch, became engaged to Brother David E. Simmonds of the Luton Branch on August 2.



Brother Derek Dixon and Sister Brenda Course, at their wedding on June 8

Marriages

Sister Pamela Carway of Ontario, Canada, was married to Brother Jack Chambers in the Belfast Chapel on July 8. The ceremony, which was the first of its kind to be held in the Belfast Chapel, was performed by President Stephen McNeil. The honeymoon was spent in Dublin.

The wedding took place in the Birmingham Chapel on June 8, of Sister Brenda Course and Brother

Derek Dixon. The bride wore white and carried red rosebuds; her two bridesmaids wore gold brocade and carried yellow rosebuds. The ceremony was performed by President John H. Kitsell and the honeymoon was spent in Rock, Cornwall.

Deaths

The death is announced of Mrs. Whitaker of Stockport on July 11, the mother of Dorothy, Joan and Josephine.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS:

Birmingham District

Eleonore Pauline Kahan of Coventry
Alain Harold Kahan of Coventry
Serge Gilbert Kahan of Coventry
Patricia Marie Kahan of Coventry
Patricia Ann Griffiths of Rugby
Glynis Davies of Rugby
Margaret Kathleen Davies of Rugby
Doreen Ann Turner of Kidderminster
Elizabeth Rosina Gunnell of Kidderminster
Kathleen Patricia Clegg of Kidderminster
Doris May Hudson of Northampton
Stuart Harvey Hudson of Northampton
Edwin Glynn of Northampton
Vera Beatrice Glynn of Northampton
Pauline Lesley Glynn of Northampton

Bristol District

Brian Morecroft of Bristol
Matilda Morrow Morecroft of Bristol
Clifford William Daniel of Newton Abbot
Christine Ann Dan el of Newton Abbot
Alfred Cyril Melhuish of Newton Abbot
Jean Rosemary Melhuish of Newton Abbot
Minnie Alice White of Newton Abbot
Barry Kenneth Kiteher of Southampton
Jeffrey Gordon Clench of Southampton
Aubrey Mary DesForges Romanoff
Newbon-Bennett Clench of Southampton

Hull District

Beatrice Lillian Maud Mander
of Scunthorpe
Charles Calvert of York
Olive Jessie Spandler of Grimsby
George Coates of Scarborough
Kate Urina Stericher of York
Kathleen Tooley of Grimsby
Margaret Uffindall of Scarborough
Elsie Beckwith of York
Thomas Edgar Vine Stericher of York
Susan Gane Guest of York
Paul Alan Guest of York
Elizabeth Guest of York
Harold Arthur Guest of York
Susan Arnott of York
George William Macbin of York

Irish District

Sheila Maud McMenemy of Portadown

Liverpool District

Gordon William Beharrell of Southport

London District

Franciszek Sorowka of Oxford
Olive Miriam Sorowka of Oxford
Rosa Helen Ansdell of S. London
Susan Elizabeth Porter of Oxford
Vorelle Enid Powell of St. Albans
Francis Ignatius Burr of St. Albans
Lillian May Burr of St. Albans
Ronald Douglas Burr of St. Albans
Christopher Michael Burr of St. Albans

Manchester District

Michael Cabella Challoner of Stockport
Ian Leslie Thorpe of Ashton-Hyde
Susan Jane Owens of Stockport
John Hugh Owens of Stockport
Lorraine Lomas of Bury
Maureen Hoylt of Rochdale
Lynne Hargreaves of Wythenshawe
Melville John Bowles of Wythenshawe
Edith Alexandra Ashman of Bury

Newcastle District

Christabella Gibb Reah of S. Shields
Christabella Davina Reah of S. Shields
Llewellyn Ernest Reah of S. Shields

Norwich District

Patricia Charlotte Whittaker of Norwich
Rita Gladys Loombe of Norwich

Sheffield District

Lovis Eileen Mills of Barnsley

Welsh District

Margaret Rose Berry of Swansea
Joan Roddick Harris of Newport
Colin Keith Roddick Harris of Newport
Beryl Frances Richards of Cardiff
Timothy Jon Wiltshire of Newport
Helen Davies of Merthyr Tydfil
Paul Singer of Merthyr Tydfil

ARRIVALS:

July 18, 1957

Elder Max G. Kendell
Elder Vern Maeser Young*From*Ogden, Utah
Springville, Utah*Assigned to*Hull
Birmingham**RELEASES:**

August 13, 1957

Elder Wilmer Dean Paul

August 17, 1957

Sister Patty Lou Reed

* Mission Accountant

*From*Elko, Nevada
Glendale, California*Districts*Hull, Birmingham
London Office*

**ELDER
WILMER D. PAUL**

**SISTER
PATTY LOU REED**

MOVE ON . . .

Between the years of 1847 and 1869, about 80,000 "Mormon" Pioneers, mostly on foot, travelled westward over the Great Plains of the United States to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake in the Rocky Mountains. Many of this number were faithful converts to the Church from the British Isles who had emigrated to unite with the main body of the Church. Their most common means of transportation, once they reached the frontier line of Iowa City, was the now famous handcart, in which they would pile all of their earthly possessions.

The first handcart companies to make the journey were led by Edmund Ellsworth and Daniel D. McArthur and were made up mostly of the early British Saints. Ellsworth's company, numbering 266 souls, left Iowa City, June 9, 1856. McArthur followed two days later with a company of 220. A third and smaller company of Welsh Saints, under command of Edward Bunker, left on the 23rd. The members of these three companies pushed their handcarts over the plains, the mountains and through rivers and streams, a distance of about thirteen hundred miles.

The companies of Ellsworth and McArthur arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on the 26th of September and Captain Bunker's company arrived on October 2—all weary from their travel but grateful for the success of their journey.



*Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time.*

LONGFELLOW
—*Psalm of Life*